

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMERCE AND REVENUE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 110, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex  
January 30, 2006

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Mark Madsen, Co-Chairman  
Rep. Peggy Wallace, Co-Chairman  
Sen. Ed Mayne  
Sen. Curtis Bramble  
Rep. Jim Dunnigan  
Rep. Craig Frank  
Rep. Lorie Fowlke  
Rep. Ross Romero  
Rep. Mark Wheatley  
Rep. Richard Wheeler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst  
Barbara Thomas, Committee Secretary

**Note: A list of handouts and visitors lists will be filed with committee minutes.**

Co-chair Rep. Wallace called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

**MOTION:** Rep Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Dunnigan, Fowlke and Wheatley absent for the vote.

**Request for Appropriations**

Rep. Lawrence spoke to HB65 S1 asking for an appropriation of \$20,000 to the Division of Consumer Protection to fund a public awareness campaign.

Larry Lunt, Chairman of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission, spoke to a compliance training and a media campaign directed at underage drinkers.

Earl Dorius, Regulatory Director, ABC and Art Brown, MADD, spoke to this issue.

**WORKFORCE SERVICES**

**MOTION:** Sen. Mayne moved to approve the Workforce Services Appropriation at the Analyst's recommended level with the following added to the priority list:

- General Assistance: \$500,000 supplemental and \$2,000,000 to the base budget.

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- Child Care would \$2,702,400
- eRep: \$500,000
- \$4.086,000 for CUBS would be handled through the intent language.

The motion failed with Senators Bramble, Madsen and Rep. Romero in opposition. Representatives Wheeler and Dunnigan were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Frank moved to accept the child care program for FY 07 at \$1,500,000, which draws \$4.500,000 federal monies.

### **SUBSTITUTE**

**MOTION:** Sen. Bramble moved to replace the substitute motion with Senator Mayne's original motion. The motion passed with Representative Frank and Sen. Madsen in opposition. Representatives Wheeler and Dunnigan were absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Sen. Madsen was excused from the rest of the meeting.

## **TAX COMMISSION**

Stan Eckersley, analyst, reviewed the performance measures of the Tax Commission:

1. Audit satisfaction rating
2. Unlicensed taxpayers assessed
3. Collection cost per dollar collected
4. Ratio of delinquent collections to net receivables available
5. Prior year delinquent collections
6. Personal property audits per auditor per year
7. Renewals by mail and internet
8. Recovered stolen vehicles

Mr. Eckersley also reviewed the Tax Commission fees and issues from the budget brief:

1. Motor Vehicle lease increases of \$150,000
2. Liquor Profit Distribution required to increase by \$608,100 from ABC enforcement fund
3. Replacement of the state's core tax systems at a cost of \$24,000,000 GF and \$6,00,000 Uniform School Fund.
4. \$440,400 in federal funds for contract auditing and training with Interior and Transportation departments.

Rod Marelli, Tax Commission, spoke to the need for a tax system rebuild which could be \$30,000,000 over the next 3-4 years. He also indicated that motor vehicle offices leases are expiring and rental prices are escalating. There is also a proposed increase of 10 FTEs which would generate funds from auditing and collections to about \$800,000. He noted postal price increases are requiring a request of \$90,000.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Mr. Eckersley reviewed the performance measures for the Public Service Commission.

1. 115 decatherm per year residential gas bill
2. 700 kilowatt per month residential annual electric bill
3. Total independent subsidized lines

The only issue highlighted was a \$100 application fee for new local exchange carriers.

Ric Campbell, PSC Commissioner, and Julie Orchard, PSC Human Resource Director, spoke to the budget request.

Co-Chair Rep. Wallace reminded committee members to start prioritizing for the February 2 meeting.

Mr. Eckersley will prepare a summary of budget requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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Sen. Mark Madsen, Co-Chair

Rep. Peggy Wallace, Co-Chair